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SUDDEN DEATH OF WM. BURNETT

Passed Away From Heart Failure Thursday at His Home Near Laclede

The most sudden death that has occurred in this vicinity for some time was that of William Burnett at his home southwest of Laclede on Thursday of this week. When his son, C. M. Burnett, wife and two children left home Thursday morning to come to town the elder Mr. Burnett was up and around the place as usual. When they returned home about 5:30 in the afternoon he was found lying on a couch, eyes closed and every indication that he was only asleep. In attempting to arouse him the body was found to be cold and rigid indicating that he had been dead several hours. He was the only one at home and just when death occurred is not known but as his dinner placed on the table in the morning was untouched would indicate that he had died early in the day. There was no indication of the least struggle or the moving of a muscle but he had passed peacefully away while asleep. He was 84 years of age and had lived on the farm where he died since 1864. He was truly one of our pioneer citizens and had lived an honorable and upright life and had a large circle of friends. He leaves one child, Oaly M., to whom the sudden parting of his aged father is a severe shock. The funeral will be held at the M. E. church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 the interment being made in the city cemetery.

Death of Thomas Gardner

Thomas Gardner, who had been confined to his home on route three for the past two years, passed away last Tuesday, October 19, 1909, at the age of 68 years, 10 months and 17 days. He was born in Wales, December 2, 1840, and when three years of age came to this country with his parents and settled near Washington, Pa. Some years later they removed to Iowa where he resided until at his country's call in 1863 he enlisted in the 19th Iowa infantry and served until the close of the war. Some time after his discharge from the army he returned to his old home in Pennsylvania, where he was united in marriage to Emeline Denning Feb. 27, 1866. Returning to Iowa, he resided there until December, 1882, when he came to Missouri and settled on the farm where he has resided until his death. Fourteen children were born in the family, eight of whom died in infancy. The following, with the wife, are left to mourn his loss: Mrs. Maggie J. Lamme and Mrs. Mary Ritchey of Brookfield, Mrs. Fannie Thompson of Cambridge, Ohio, Mrs. Martha Ogle of Laclede and Lizzie B., who has cared for the father through his long illness.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal church when a young man and until denied the privilege by reason of infirmities was a regular attendant at the services. For thirty-seven years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and all these years has been counted worthy of a place in the lodge room. For two years he has been confined to the house and a greater part of the time to his bed. After a few days of suffering the end came peacefully to him and his spirit went out to be at rest.

Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Powell, assisted

by the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who furnished the pall bearers, and the order of Odd Fellows attended in a body and conducted the burial service after the usages of the order at the cemetery.

No higher tribute of respect can be paid to a man than to say he was a good man. This can be truly said of Thomas Gardner, who has gone from our midst to his reward. To the family are extended the sympathies of the community in their sorrow.

M. E. Church Notes

The secretary's report shows one hundred and one present last Sabbath. Every officer was present, but five classes had to be supplied with substitute teachers. Classes eight and nine were banner classes for attendance and collection.

Next Sunday evening Dr. Albert Bushnell, assistant superintendent of the anti-saloon league, will speak in the Methodist church. Suspend judgment on the attitude of the league on state-wide prohibition until you hear Dr. Bushnell discuss the question.

A quiet wedding took place at parsonage Sunday evening after services, the contracting parties being Mr. Arthur Johnston and Miss Della Kraft. Mr. Johnston is the hustling young business man in charge of the Henderson poultry business, a member of the Christian church and during the year he has been with us has gained the respect of a host of friends. The bride is a daughter of our townsman, Wm. Kraft, and a favorite with all who know her. She is a member of the Methodist church and a teacher in the Sabbath school. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are extended the best wishes of the entire community for a long and happy life.

Items From the High School

The juniors had a geometry examination last Monday.

The freshmen had an algebra examination Wednesday.

Next week is the last week of the first quarter of school; everyone prepare for examination.

The junior class has lost its spiciness, the little Pepper having gone home on account of sickness.

Brother Powell's talk last Monday morning was as interesting as usual, his subject being "How to Take Defeat."

Line-up of the defeated but will be victorious basket ball team: Dora Goins, right forward; Ola Weaver, left forward; Helga Johnson, first center; Esther Rowland, captain, back center; Nira Cook, business manager, right guard; Callie Shohoney, left guard.

We wish to thank Harry Maybee for his kind services last Saturday; also the patrons of high school athletics for their liberal contribution. The collection amounted to nearly \$8.00 and shows that the patrons have the right spirit, besides putting us in good shape financially.

There will be a football game this afternoon at Jones' Park—Meadville and Laclede being the opposing teams. We have decided to have a practice game of basket ball between two local teams at the high school court just before the football game. No extra admission. Come and bring your friends.

A. H. Love has just received a full line of Elgin watches and other attractive jewelry and can save you money in anything in his line.

THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

Pungent Paragraphs Picked up by Our Penetrating Penetration Pusher.

Meadville vs. Laclede at Jones' park at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The annual reunion of the family of Geo. Anderson of Brookfield was held last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Clinefelter on route one, Laclede. A splendid dinner was served and the occasion was one of the utmost pleasure to all who were present.

The fee for registering mail matter, beginning November 1, will be ten cents for each piece in addition to the regular postage, both to be in all cases prepaid. At the same date the amount of indemnity to be paid for lost domestic registered mail matter of the first class is fixed at fifty dollars.

E. C. Gardner is down from Kansas City visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Gardner on route three. Mr. Gardner is dealing in Kansas City real estate and has been quite successful at buying property, building on it and then selling at a good profit. He made THE BLADE a visit Thursday and renewed for another year.

THE BLADE is a shade over-balanced with advertising this week but the balance having been on the wrong side all summer it takes rather a heavy load to set matters right. Out of town merchants realize the value of THE BLADE as an advertising medium and send in their matter without any soliciting whatever.

The Linn county teachers' association will meet in Brookfield on the 4th, 5th and 6th of next month. The first session opens at 10 o'clock Thursday and the forenoon will be devoted to organization and an outline of the work of the association by the county superintendent. There will be two sessions each day, Saturday being devoted to the school boards, clerks and patrons, who are urged to attend that day.

Sensintaffar Bros. of route three will hold their annual public sale of pure bred Poland-China hogs at Brookfield next Wednesday, October 27. The sale will be held under cover and there will be no postponement on account of the weather. Sensintaffar Bros. are perhaps the best known and most successful breeders of Poland-Chinas in the state and they have sixty head of extra fine ones in this sale.

On Tuesday of last week Wm. Phillips received a check from the Woodmen Accident Association of Lincoln, Nebraska, covering the full amount of his claim against the association for injuries received while handling cord wood last September. The prompt and satisfactory settlement of this claim has convinced Mr. Phillips that this association is absolutely reliable and worthy the confidence of anyone wanting accident insurance.

Last Saturday C. E. Hilton bought H. F. Englehart's farm of 127 acres a mile southeast of Laclede at \$80 per acre. Jones & Rankin, the local real estate hustlers, made the sale. It is understood that Mr. Englehart has sold with the expectation of removing to New York. Since the above was put in type, owing to an understanding between all parties concerned, the sale has been declared off, Mr. Englehart keeping the farm and Mr. Hilton keeping his "mon."

Attorney Harry Libby Married

Harry J. Libby and Miss Carrie Belle Young were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother in Brookfield last Monday evening. On account of the illness of a sister of the bride, the wedding was a quiet affair, only the immediate relatives and a few friends being present. The groom is a son of Judge and Mrs. O. F. Libby of Laclede. Less than three years ago he located in Shelby county for the practice of law and has been quite successful, only last week completing the partitioning of an estate of \$80,000 in which he was allowed an attorney fee of \$4,000. It was the largest partitioning case ever handled in that county and likewise the largest fee ever allowed an attorney in that county. Mr. Libby is looked upon as one of the most competent young lawyers in that part of the state and has a bright future before him. The bride is one of Brookfield's popular and accomplished school teachers and is said to be a most estimable young lady. After spending a few days with relatives here they left for their home at Shelby Thursday where a neatly furnished cottage awaits them. Their many Linn county friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

The Passing of a Good Woman

Olive Louise Neff was born in Belmont county, Ohio, December 11, 1842, and united with the M. E. church in early girlhood and has always since lived a consistent Christian life. She was married to Dr. J. C. Griffith, a practicing physician of Belmont county, Ohio, in 1861. To this union were born two children: Mary L., who preceded her to the better land several years ago, and Col. J., who resides on a farm south of Kansas City. She also leaves one sister and two grandchildren and a host of old time friends to mourn her departure.

With her husband she removed to Laclede in 1866, where they resided until after the death of her husband, which occurred in 1875, when she removed to Sumner and conducted a hotel. After the C. & B. & K. C. railway was completed to Carrollton she removed to that place and for several years conducted one of the leading hotels. From there she removed to Kansas City, being for some time in the grocery business, and later was appointed matron of the state sanitarium at Mt. Vernon, holding that position with great honor to herself at the time of her death, which occurred Oct. 13, 1909.

Such is a brief history of one who at different times has suffered misfortunes but met the situation squarely and closed this life with a clear record for purity and honesty and with the love and respect of all who knew her.

Brief funeral services were held at the home of P. F. Felt by the Rev. L. C. Powell, pastor of the Methodist church and the body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the Laclede cemetery.

Notice to Tax-Payers

The tax-books of Jefferson township are now in my hands for collection. I will be found at the business office of the Lomax & Standly bank, where you are invited to call early and "avoid the rush."

W. S. SAVAGE,
Township Collector.

Regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. M. Brown.

SHORT PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

See those handsome bracelets and ladies' jewelry at Love's.

N. A. Ormsby returned Monday from spending three months in Kansas.

Mrs. Ellen Bailey of Farmington, Iowa, is visiting the family of L. B. Haley.

M. F. Clay shipped cattle to Chicago and hogs to St. Louis last Saturday night.

L. Tooker is here from Kansas City visiting his brother, J. W. Tooker, and wife.

There are no better watches than the Elgin. See the new line just received at Love's.

Mrs. Monck of Macomb, Ill., arrived Monday to visit Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Mahurin and family.

Attorney Chas. K. Hart was over from Brookfield Tuesday looking after some legal business.

Wm. McGrew of Chillicothe spent last Sunday evening in Laclede, guest of Miss Loreta Clay.

J. E. Welsh completed the new granitoid walk along the front of his residence property Thursday.

E. K. Welsh and A. S. Byrd were at Purdin Saturday on business for the Laclede mutual insurance company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Warner were over from Meadville Thursday attending the funeral of their old friend and neighbor, Thos. Gardner.

Wallace Mustard and sister, Mrs. Hall, are here from Pennsylvania visiting their old neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Farrar, on route three.

The box social that was to have been given at the Locust Creek school house Friday night has been postponed to next Friday night October 29.

Mrs. Wm. Willard and three children came down from Cincinnati, Iowa, Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Duckworth on route three.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Landree and two little sons, Lee and Willie, attended the wedding of the former's brother, Walter E. Landree and Miss Bertha Couch at Linneus Wednesday evening.

Frank Dormer, the new assistant agent at the local Burlington station, has rented S. H. Brown's residence in the east part of town and moved his family here from Pollock.

H. Clarey, manager of the big cattle sale to be held at Meadville, Saturday, October 23, was in Laclede Thursday advertising the sale. Four hundred head of cattle are to be sold at auction a list of which may be seen in an ad. in THE BLADE today.

A. H. Love returned home Wednesday after an absence of two weeks spent visiting his sons, W. C., and family at Las Animas, Colorado, and L. A. and family at Clinton, Okla., and other relatives at Wichita. He reports all well and getting along fine.

Mrs. M. P. Benson was in Columbia the first of the week to see her brother, Ralph Loomis, of Meadville, a student at the state university, who is in the hospital at Columbia with the fever. He is recovering nicely and she returned home Wednesday evening.